9. Implementation of Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness (IMNCI) Programme in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF whereby availability of home based and community care alongwith referral linkage will be made available in States like Orissa, MP, UP with high IMR by training doctors and grassroot health related workers.

Bogie frame of standard gauge

*249. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways have developed a bogie frame of standard gauge, which is the gauge used by Railways all over the world;

(b) if so, the details of the plan drawn up for its introduction on the Indian Railways, which, presently, has entirely different gauges—broad, metre and narrow—so as to integrate the Indian Railways with the railway system of the world; and

(c) the details of initiatives taken, if any, to explore the possibility of exporting such standard gauge railway coaches to earn foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Standard Gauge (1435mm) is one of the popular gauges being used by Railways in many countries of Europe and USA. Indian Railways do not use standard gauge. Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala have, however, developed the design of a standard gauge bogie for export purpose.

(b) There is no plan for introduction of standard gauge bogies on Indian Railways.

(c) Exploring export market is an ongoing exercise which is undertaken by M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) on behalf of Indian Railways. Development of Standard Gauge bogie design is a step towards equipping ourselves for potential export in world market.